

International – and new to Denmark?

Lolland Municipality has a lot to offer



Welcome to Lolland

Are you an international working on, or going to work on, the Femern-connection?
Are you in doubt what Lolland can offer you and your family?

We are here to help you. Whether it is information or guidance regarding the many opportunities that exist in the area, our team of local experts can assist in terms of job opportunities, housing options, language schools, leisure activities, getting in touch with relevant public entities, building a network and more.

We know that it is difficult moving to a new area and even a new country. We will work with you to help remove any language and cultural barriers so that you get the information you and your family need and get answers to questions about education, healthcare, employment and the like.

In this publication you will find basic practical information. Please take a look at the different websites this folder provides you with and feel free to contact our international consultant for more detailed inquiries:

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Lolland International School



Everything you need

Lolland is an attractive area to settle into, whether you are moving here alone or together with your family. Our area is blessed with fantastic nature, a large labour market, a dynamic housing market, a well-functioning infrastructure, and a healthy culture of work-life balance.

In addition, the city council has decided to establish the country's first public, international school in the heart of Maribo, offering a high-quality, bilingual school program for your children, free of charge.

Furthermore, we have a variety of leisure activities and clubs to choose from. These offerings are great opportunities to socialise, stay active with your family and meet new friends.

We hope that you will be an active part of our local community, learn and participate in the Danish traditions and contribute to the development of our area.

We expect an influx of new international residents in the area in the years ahead, so you will in no means be alone as an expat. Lolland Municipality is working towards creating a new international hub, where expats and Danes can meet and build strong relationships - We look forward to welcoming you!

With best regards,
Holger Schou Rasmussen, Mayor

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Mayor Holger Schou Rasmussen in Rødbyhavn



Employment and industry

We have many exciting companies with attractive employment opportunities in Lolland. There are job openings for expats in specific branches and a sound infrastructure, which makes commuting in the area quite easy.

Employment in Lolland

There is low unemployment in Lolland with more than 17,000 jobs spread over 2,000 companies.

The Femern project is expected to create an additional 5,000 extra jobs. In addition there are up to 90,000 jobs within an hour's drive.

The largest companies in Lolland are MHI Vestas, Codan Medical, MAN Energy Solutions, Nordic Sugar Nakskov, Maribohilleshög, Scandlines and Lalandia. These companies produce windmills, medical equipment, maritime motors, sugar, seeds, ferry traffic to Germany and family entertainment in Denmark's largest water amusement park.

There is high demand for labour within the building industry and in the public sector, where there is a need for employment within the educational, health and elder care sectors.

In addition, there are good possibilities for entrepreneurs for those who have a dream of starting a new business. For potential entrepreneurs there are good financial conditions and professional guidance services.

Job for your partner

If you have been employed in the area and you and your family will be moving to Lolland, we can assist your partner with finding a job in the local area.

Our business association – Business LF (Lolland-Falster) – has a partner job program, where you can receive advice on how to create a broad network in the area. Business LF has contacts with a large number of companies and good experience with helping organisations when it comes to recruiting global talent.

For more information visit: www.businesslf.dk/rekruttering

Join a network

There are a few networks on Lolland-Falster, where you can meet other internationals, visit local companies and attend in activities where you can meet other internationals and Danes with international roots on Lolland-Falster.

Check LF International (international network), Quality Lolland-Falster (just for women), The Green House (meet up place in Maribo) or the Meet Up Group in Rødbyhavn, which our international ambassador Susan Daniels runs.

Femern Agency

Femern Agency is a "one point of contact" – whether you are an employer or foreign worker here in Denmark. Femern Agency is an umbrella organisation encompassing different public authorities. It is centrally placed in Rødbyhavn, close to the Femern building site.

Relation to foreign workers

As a foreign worker in Denmark you will need a health card, cpr-number (national ID), residence card, tax card, potentially a drivers license and more. These are necessary documents for being able to live and work in Denmark. This is valid whether you come from an EU or Non-EU country, and regardless if your stay is short, medium or long-term.

If you are an employer that has hired foreign workers, you can contact us to take care of these practical necessities prior to your employee arriving in Denmark. Though, certain registrations require the applicant to physically meet in order to show ID. This can be agreed upon with Femern Agency.

Consulting for employers

As an employer you can also receive fast and useful service when you require assistance regarding issues including but not limited to: work conditions, salary, contract details, education, internships, and other activities connected to foreign employees' mobility, reception and stay in Denmark.

Femern Agency can also help you navigate the many regional and national authorities or assist with contacting the relevant actors that you need to get in touch with.

Femern agency

Guidance for both foreign employees and employers.

Cathrine Krøyer and Henning Hansen are ready to assist if you have any questions.

Telephone: +45 29 60 77 28

Opening hours:

Monday-Wednesday: 8:00-15:30

Thursday: 8:00-17:00

Friday: 8:00-13:30



Lolland International School

Lolland International School is Denmark's first international municipal school. It is a free program, where your children will be taught in an international environment.

If you are a part of a family with children, Lolland International School is the perfect choice for you.

Curriculum

At Lolland International School, students will follow a bilingual program. We provide the best of the Cambridge International curriculum and the Danish national curriculum.

Mathematics, Science and English are taught in English, whereas we teach the other subjects in Danish.

It gives the student strong linguistic skills, a global perspective and cultural sensitivity. In addition, it gives ample opportunities to continue further education in Denmark or abroad.

Global students

Students at Lolland International School will also encounter other cultures, for example among their classmates, there may be students from a large part of the world who will continuously introduce to - and influence each other with - their different cultures. A student with us thus becomes a world student in a global classroom.

Integration

At the same time the students at Lolland International School will gain extensive knowledge about Danish culture, meet Danish friends and become a part of the local community. This can help create new communities and successful integration.

Our facilities

The school is centrally placed in the city of Maribo in Lolland, close to both highway and train connections.

Moreover, the school lies adjacent to Maribo Gymnasium and another public school, with ample opportunities for community and cooperation.

Nature is also right on our doorstep - with everything from large fields, forests and lakes to historic manor landscapes.

New student?

The school will open 1 August for grades 0-9. The law on international primary and lower secondary schools stipulates that more than half of the school's students should be from families where one or both parents have an international background. Danish students are also welcome if there are spaces available.

Check out our website for more information and to register for our next information meeting:

www.lollandinternationalschool.dk

Dominic Maher, Principal

"We look forward to welcoming you at Lolland International School.

If you have any questions, please go to our website, where you will be able to find out more about our school as well as my contact details, where I'll be happy to personally answer any questions, that you may have.



Meet a family

Annelies and Bart-Jan are parents of 9-year-old Daan, 7-year-old Jasper and 4-year old Lars. They are from the Netherlands, but are currently living in Lolland because Bart-Jan is working on the Femern-connection. Daan and Jasper will therefore be enrolled in Lolland International School, and Lars will join the school as well, when he gets older.

“The important thing for us is to become part of the local community and that our kids will be able to become part of that as well: We look forward to our children making new friends, learning about the local way of living and also about the other kids’ cultures, sports and hobbies”, Bart-Jan added that the school’s bilingual model is a big plus:

“We like the bilingual model as it is essential that our children learn English, mainly a benefit for their future, as well as learning Danish, as that will help them in their daily life while we are in Denmark.”

Daan and Jasper are also looking forward to begin at Lolland International School. They expect it to be a lot of fun: “We hope we will have long breaks during school time to play outside and play soccer with our new friends”, Daan says.



Easy transportation – more free time

There is easy access to the highway and rarely heavy traffic in Lolland. Therefore, it is fast and easy to commute to larger cities throughout Sjælland and to reach the center of Copenhagen within 90 minutes.

When the major tunnel project is finished, it will also be possible to reach Hamburg, Germany, very easily.



Family life

Denmark has an extensive social welfare system that guarantees high quality and affordable child care and after-school programmes for all families. This makes it possible and common that both parents work.

Childcare

In Denmark children can be enrolled in a public day care as early as 6 months, however the norm is that they start around 9-12 months. Until the age of three the child can attend public or private nursery, or family day care. From the age of three to five the children attend kindergartens.

All Danish kindergartens have professionally trained staff. The pedagogical approach in Danish Kindergartens is to stimulate children's social, linguistic and democratic skills, primarily through play and pedagogically planned activities.

Childcare is not very expensive in Denmark. Families only pay a maximum of 30% of the cost, since the Danish State subsidizes the rest.

Leisure activities

Danish society revolves around family life, where both parents enjoy spending time with their kids and take part in hobbies and leisure activities together.

Denmark is sometimes referred to as a nation of associations, and Lolland Municipality is one of the municipalities in Denmark with the most associations per resident.

Most associations are driven by volunteers with a passion for their respective activities. These include everything from gymnastics to football, badminton, music, art and other create areas. In addition there are many activities for those that love the outdoors: scouting, horse riding, sailing and mountain biking.

We are also privileged to offer opportunities for advanced sporting. For example, our kayakers are the best in the nation. The associations are very welcoming to new members and offer a great pathway for meeting others who share similar interests.

Housing



Lolland has housing options for every taste. From apartments to terraced houses, single family homes in the city, an old farm house in the countryside to a peaceful island life close to nature, we have you covered!

In addition, there is also a large selection of property to buy if you would like to build something new.

Nature and the countryside is never far away, not even in the towns. There is easy access to the sea, beautiful beaches, sprawling forest and a scenery filled with beautiful fields over much of Lolland.

Quality housing comes with a price – but the price in Lolland is typically lower than in other parts of Denmark and compared to Copenhagen you will get much more value for money. You should never compromise with living conditions for you and your family and we encourage you to check out the possibilities in Lolland and elsewhere to find the best combination of price and quality.





Attractive opportunities

For example, with one million Danish crowns you will be able to afford a 150m² brick villa in Nakskov, an idyllic country home in the countryside or an attractive city apartment.

Just arriving in Denmark

Where can I learn Danish? How do I find my doctor?
Is it easy to meet other families?

Ask an international

When you move to a foreign country there are many new things to be encountered. Both practical and cultural questions often arise. To help we have appointed Lolland municipality international ambassadors.

These are residents that have an international background and have chosen to settle in Lolland. This could be due to employment or their spouse has been employed in the area. They have gone through the settling-in and integration process themselves and have experienced many of the same things that you may experience upon arrival.

Feel free to write to Susan or Susana (both English speakers) and they will be happy to give you a good start to your new life in Lolland.

You can also see the full team of ambassadors here at www.lollandleverlivet.dk

Lolland language School

Would you, your partner or family member like to learn or improve your Danish? Then check out Lolland municipality's diverse language class offerings.

Lolland Language School is a relatively small language school with about 160 students from 37 different nationalities. The school's mission is to teach Danish language and culture. They offer courses at all levels, depending on how much Danish you already know and the intensity in which you would like to learn.

You can choose either day- or evening classes. So, if you are busy working during the day, you can choose to join an evening class which typically runs from 16:40-19:00 pm, two times a week.

It is a free offer if you live in Lolland.

For more information, please contact the language school at: +45 54 67 73 03 or e-mail: sprogskole@lolland.dk

Susan Daniels

”Moving to new places in other countries without knowing anyone at first has given me useful tools to help others settle in. In both Dublin and Malmö, I benefitted immensely from joining social clubs, and when coming to Rødbyhavn I wanted to welcome the many people coming from various countries to work at the tunnel project.

Personally, I can assist you in practical matters related to moving to a new country, provide information about companies operating locally and give you tips about how to spend your leisure time”.



You are welcome to contact Susan
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suka.daniels@gmail.com

Susana Toro-Zapata

”Moving to the countryside can be an extra challenge, especially for city dwellers like me. I can help other international people to find their place in the community, feel more integrated and start their life in the wonderful Lolland and fellow islands.

I am from Colombia and I have lived in England and now Denmark, so I am familiar with all the challenges that moving to another country can bring.

I will love to guide you and hopefully ease any doubts you may have, while also providing some life hacks to settle quicker on Lolland”.

**Ask an
international**



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Strategy & Politics

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Key websites

- **Lolland Kommune:**
www.lolland.dk/newonlolland
www.lollandleverlivet.dk (only in Danish)
- **Femern Agency:** www.lolland.dk/femernagency (only in Danish)
- **Lolland International School:** www.lollandinternationalschool.dk
- **Lolland Language School:** www.facebook.com/lollandsprogscole
(only in Danish)
- **Business Lolland-Falster:** www.businesslf.dk (only in Danish)
- **Invest in Lolland-Falster:** www.investinlf.com
- **The Danish Agency for Labor Market and Recruitment:** www.star.dk
- **The Danish Ministry of Employment - Work in Denmark:**
www.workindenmark.dk
- **The official guide to life in Denmark:** www.lifeindenmark.dk
- **The Ministry of Immigration and Integration:** www.uim.dk (only in Danish)
- **The Danish Immigration Service - New to Denmark:** www.nyidanmark.dk
- **International Citizen Service:** www.icitizen.dk
- **Join a network:** www.lf-international.dk, www.qlf.dk (only in Danish),
www.ivaerksaetterlolland.dk/the-green-house (only in Danish)
- **Flexbolig:** www.flexbolig.nu (only in Danish)

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